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**STATE TO HOLD MEETING TO DISCUSS FORMATION OF
FRIENDS OF THE CAPE COD RAIL TRAIL GROUP**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced that it will hold a second meeting to discuss the formation of a new Friends group for the Cape Cod Rail Trail.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Brewster Ladies' Library Auditorium, 1822 Main Street (Route 6A) in Brewster. The meeting's agenda will include a recap of the previous meeting (held on December 6, 2006), a discussion of goals and priorities for the Friends of the Cape Cod Rail Trail, a review of the process of forming a non-profit organization, and a discussion to determine the next steps for the group. DCR representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide support.

“Friends groups have proven to be invaluable resources at DCR facilities across the Commonwealth,” said DCR Acting Commissioner Priscilla E. Geigis. “I’m pleased that the formation of this new Friends group is proceeding, and I look forward to their involvement with the Cape Cod Rail Trail.”

The Cape Cod Rail Trail runs 22 miles, beginning in Dennis and passing through six towns, Nickerson State Park and the Cape Cod National Seashore before terminating in Wellfleet. First opened in 1979, the Rail Trail was one of the first of its kind in the nation, and remains one of the most popular. The eastern half of the Trail is currently undergoing extensive renovations; similar renovations were recently completed on the Trail's western half.

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